

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO GST ON PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, although I agree with the principle of the goods and services tax, I am in favour of exempting books and other publications. That is why I wish to table a petition from the riding of Mount Royal, asking that books and publications be exempted from this tax.

Mr. Gilles Rocheleau (Hull—Aylmer): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the privilege of tabling petitions on behalf of the hon. member for Mount Royal, signed by residents of the National Capital region who strenuously object to the GST on books and publications.

Mr. Speaker, I may add that I have the honour of tabling this petition because the hon. member for Mount Royal heeded the advice of her leader and went on a cross-Canada tour this summer.

[English]

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am quite sure that I just heard the hon. member say that he was presenting a petition on behalf of the member for Mount Royal. I think the member for Mount Royal is a member of the Liberal Party which, I am sure, the people in Newfoundland would be really intrigued by right now.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I will recognize the hon. member for Richelieu on a point of order.

[Translation]

Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I would like to respond by saying that when the cause is noble, there is no place for political partisanship.

[English]

DETROIT CITY AIRPORT

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair): Mr. Speaker, I, too, just as my colleague from Essex—Windsor, had to rush back here from an experience of pure joy in Toronto. However, I did not take an airplane. I was wafted back to Ottawa by the pure turbulence created by loud hosannas all across Ontario.

I have two petitions, which have been duly certified, from the people of the eastern portion of Windsor who ask for a remedy from Parliament with respect to the expansion of the Detroit city airport. It has created an outrageous frequency of low overflights over that portion of Windsor at heights as low as 1,000 feet without an appropriate response from government.

The petitioners ask the government to do something on behalf of those citizens to protect their environment and their quality of life.

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[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO GST

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, this petition has been certified correct as to form and content, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

I support the GST, Mr. Speaker, but since citizens do not always have an opportunity to have their say in this House I am pleased to present this petition on behalf of the hon. member for Mount Royal.

Besides, I for one have always been in favour of taxing everything and compensating according to various sectors of economic activity. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition in the name of constituents of Mount Royal.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 313 and 321.

[Text]

LEGAL SERVICES—FBDB

Question No. 313—**Mr. Simmons:**

1. For (a) 1987 (b) 1988 (c) 1989, were legal services valued at more than \$500 supplied to the Federal Business Development Bank and, if so, in each case, what were the nature and type of (i) security work (ii) litigation involved?

2. Were guidelines used for selecting legal services for the Federal Business Development Bank and, if so, did these require (a) the calling of tenders (b) the inviting of proposals (c) the selection of lawyers or firms at random?